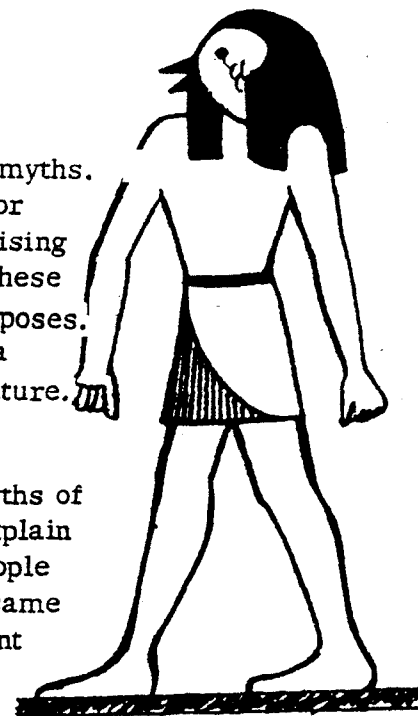


# COMPREHENSION CHALLENGES

The stories that people of ancient times told are called myths. There are two types of myths. One type explained the reasons for natural events. Ancient people did not know the reason for the rising of the sun or lightning. So, they created stories that explained these scientific facts. Another type of myth was for entertainment purposes.

We study myths because they tell us a great deal about a people. We can find out about their science, religion, and literature. Greek, Roman, Norse, Egyptian, Aztec, and Hindu myths have been studied.

Very wise men have tried to determine why so many myths of various cultures are alike. No one has been able to definitely explain this strange fact. Some scholars say that all these primitive people were seeing the same natural events. They probably asked the same questions about nature. Perhaps that is why the myths of different ancient civilizations are similar.



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1. This story is mainly about:
  - (a) stories
  - (b) myths
  - (c) ancient people
  - (d) ancient civilizations
2. Stories told by people of ancient times are called:
  - (a) fiction
  - (b) scientific facts
  - (c) novels
  - (d) myths
3. One type of myth is:
  - (a) an explanation of natural events
  - (b) a comedy
  - (c) an ancient civilization
  - (d) a new book
4. Another type of myth is for:
  - (a) explaining everyday things
  - (b) entertainment purposes
  - (c) explaining the rising of the sun
  - (d) reading assignments
5. Put in the order they were talked about in the story:
  - (a) myths of different ancient civilizations are similar
  - (b) people of ancient times told stories called myths
  - (c) two types of myths
  - (d) myths tell about science, religion and literature
6. Myth is a word for:
  - (a) a factual story
  - (b) a story that people of ancient times told
  - (c) a poem
  - (d) a story that people of today tell
7. What happened when ancient people did not know the reason for natural events?
  - (a) they ignored them
  - (b) they read about them
  - (c) they created stories to explain them
  - (d) they studied myths
8. How did the people living in ancient times feel about these stories, which we call myths?
  - (a) believed them
  - (b) did not believe them
  - (c) knew they were not right but believed them anyway
  - (d) realized they were just stories